

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 3-5 and 8-10 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 are being amended. New claims 11-12 are being added.

This amendment adds and changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3-5, and 8-12 are now pending in this application.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to make minor editorial corrections and to correct any vague or unclear language. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3-5 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In response, Applicants amend claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 to further define the invention. The claims have been amended to recite an “ordinary sheet” and a “special sheet.” An “ordinary sheet” is a regular sheet of paper. In contrast, as recited in claims 4 and 9, a “special sheet” is stiffer and smaller in size than an “ordinary sheet.” Concerning the special sheet ribs, as stated in the specification on page 8, the special sheet is inserted between the special sheet rib pairs. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the above amended claims are allowable and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 11 and 12 have been added to further define the invention. Support for new claims 11 and 12 can be found at least on pages 1, 2 and 5-9 of the specification. Claims 11 and 12 depend from one of claims 4 or 9 and are allowable at least for the reasons given above.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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